THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT : (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA) : (a) to (c) No such direction has been issued by the University grants Commission to universities/ colleges to get National merit/rank certificate within a stipulated time.However, the UGC has issued a circular to all universities stating that it is mandatory and compulsory for all the universities to get themselves assessed and accredited by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). NAAC grades universities and colleges during the process of assessment and accreditation of the institution. Assessment is a performance evaluation of an institution and/or its units and is accomplished through a process based on self-study and peer review using defined criteria such as curricular aspects, teaching, learning and evaluation, research consultancy and extension, infrastructure and learning resources, student support and progression, organisation and management, health practices. Accreditation refers to the certificate given by NAAC which is valid for a period of five years and facilitates the accredited institutions to work continuously to improve the Quality of education.

Computer as means of Education

†2034. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to introduce computers as one of the main means of teaching;

(c) whether Government have formulated any perspective scheme to add computer literacy with the present teaching system; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA) : (a) to (c) The National Curriculum framework for school education prepared by National Council of Educational Research & Training has recommended the integration of Information and Communication technologies into schools, which has a strong pedagogical rationale. Accordingly, the Government has directed Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti to acquire computers for their schools. Besides this, the Government also proposes to extend support to those State Governments/UTs, which have taken the initiative of introducing

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computer education in their schools. Under the revised scheme of Computer Literacy and Studies in Schools (CLASS), State Governments/UTs would formulate Computer Education Plans (CEP's)—proposing various items and activities which may include training of teachers, development of software and acquisition of hardware etc.

Women Commissions in States

†2035. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether women's commissions have been constituted in all the States in the country;

(b) if not, the names of states in which these commissions have not been constituted;

(c) whether Government are going to take any specific steps to constitute women's commissions in all the states; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN) : (a) and (b) A statement showing the status of setting up of State level women commissions, on the basis of information received from various States and Union Territory (UT) Administrations, is annexed. (*see* below)

(c) and (d) Since the setting up of state level women commissions comes within the purview of the State Governments and UT Administrations, the State Governments and UT Administrations have been requested from time to time to set up such state level women commissions in their respective states/UTs.

Statement

List of State Governments/UTs which have either set up State/UT level women commissions or have enacted relevant legislation for the purpose of setting up such commission

1. Andhra Pradesh
2. Assam
3. Bihar
4. Chhattisgarh

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